

# Program allows rest home comparisons

Costs just keep going up everywhere and it is easy to compare grocery and household items along with vehicle and implement prices but, until now, it was not so easy to compare prices for nursing home care and to see just how they are rated.

Paul Rainbolt, St. Francis Good Samaritan Village administrator, reports that people may go to their computers and bring up <http://www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/home.asp> which will provide detailed information about the past performance of every Medicare and Medicaid certified nursing home in the country.

The site has information only on nursing homes that are Medicare or Medicaid certified. These nursing homes provide skilled nursing care, however, there are many other types of facilities that provide various levels of health care and assistance with activities of daily living.

In addition, some nursing homes that provide a full range of care including skilled nursing services, choose not to participate in Medicare or Medicaid. For information about any facility not found in this data-

base, people are asked to contact their state survey agency.

The main subjects include: information on nursing home comparison, a guide to choosing a nursing home and a nursing home checklist to help people with their nursing home choice.

People will be able find the number of beds and type of ownership of these nursing homes and also the percentage of residents with bed sores, physical restraints and more.

In the inspection results information, it will list the health deficiencies found during the most recent state nursing home survey and from complaint investigations.

The nursing home staff includes the average number of hours worked by registered nurses, licensed practical or vocational nurses and certified nursing assistants per resident per day.

The nursing home checklist will help individuals and family to evaluate the nursing homes they visit or they can contact a long-term care ombudsman or state survey agency before making a decision. Phone numbers are available on the web.

## Introducing

### James Douglass Douthit

Jacob Douthit would like to announce the birth of his brother James Douglass. Proud parents are T.J. and Lynae Douthit. He arrived on November 13, 2002, at Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colo., weighing 8

pounds, 6 ounces, and measuring 20 3/4 inches.

His grandparents are Ralph and Betty Hansen of Colby, and Thad and Mary Lou Douthit. Great-grandparents are Hazel D. Douthit and Eunice Hansen of Akron, Colo.

## Bowling News

### Monday Mixed 11/18

Team standings: Bandel Home Center 29-15; Hooks Auction & Realty 23.5-20.5; Cueballs 22.5-21.5; Captain Hook Fine Dining 21-23; Krien Pharmacy 21-23; Z-Tubing 15-29

High game (handicap): Kelley Faylor 234, Randy Johnson 224, Rich Grace 222, Kale Zimbelman 222; Erica Harlan 233, Tami Merchant 220, Vanessa Vollman 209

High series (handicap): Pam Hook 598, Vanessa Vollman 588, Erica Harlan 584; Grace 646, Faylor 630, Zimbelman 606.

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ABC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN read a book with Alice Lampe, standing, Dorothy Kellner, sitting center, and Char Fiedler. The school was the recipient of \$1,000 raised through the ice cream social in June and October bake sale plus matching funds through the Aid Association for Lutherans. The school plans to use the funds to make improvements and meet the state firemarshal's requirements.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# County development group sums up year

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation, a group made up of seven board members and a coordinator, has just completed another year and recently held its annual meeting in Bird City.

Coordinator Susan Hobrock reported that the Development Corp did much the same tasks that were done the year before, specifically being a liaison and resource between state agencies such as Pioneer Country Development, Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, just to name a few.

The Corporation helped 12 people

regarding new business establishments in Cheyenne County and donated funds to help maintain a Foundation Center Cooperative Collection Site at the Colby Library to aid grant writers.

The work in recycling has been one of the most noticeable project of the group. It has been ongoing for several years and recycling centers have been established in both Bird City and St. Francis. They wrote, received and administrated a Kansas Department Health and Environment Recycling Grant of \$55,000. The group also completed the county's portion of a grant application for the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling

Grant application for 2002 and \$120,000 was received by the alliance of four counties. The Corporation then donated two signs to the recycling sites recognizing them as recipients of the 2001 grant funds.

The coordinator and Roger Jensen, St. Francis City Councilman, approached the county commissioners and they approved to pay a \$3,165 per capita fee for the county.

The Corporation group helped with the county's "Attraction Board" which displays a number of places and shows the sites in the county. They also supplied informational brochures and videos to the hospital which are used in recruitment. Other

informational brochures are also made available through the Cheyenne County Development Corporation.

In the past few years, the coordinator has assisted in grant writing on behalf of St. Francis and the city's recreation commission for remodeling the ball diamond. She also helped in writing a grant for the beautification of the islands along U.S. 36.

"We will continue to encourage and support county-wide development in business, housing and recreation to make Cheyenne County a great place to live and work," said Coordinator Hobrock.

Members of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation are: Janet Jensen, president; Joy Anderegg, vice president; Kevin Berens, treasurer; Wendy Richmeier, Bill Leach, Renee Braun and Mila Bandel.

# Students receive high honors

Top graduating Colorado high school seniors were honored by NEWS4 anchors Aimee Sporer and Bill Stuart in the 19th annual Class of Colorado salute on May 1 in the Donald R. Seawell Grand Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

High schools from throughout Colorado selected nearly 300 students, because of their high academic achievement, to represent the Class of Colorado 2002.

"We were very pleased with the tremendous response from Colorado schools this year," NEWS4 General Manager Marv Rockford said. "This

has always been one of the station's most popular annual events, and this year especially so. We are proud to give these outstanding young people the recognition they deserve."

The Class of Colorado 2002 salute began at 6:45 p.m. NEWS4 anchor Sporer, who left the Denver television station this summer to spend more time with her family, was the keynote speaker. She addressed the challenges students face as they begin careers and start families of

their own.

The Class of Colorado salute is part of the station's on-going NEWS4 Our Community program.

Among the students honored were Jonathan Davis of Burlington, son of Rick and Kim Davis and grandson of Cal and Dorothy Zimbelman all of Burlington, Colo., and Dessany Wiley of Idalia, daughter of Robin and Kathy Wiley of Idalia and granddaughter of Dolores Wiley and Hertha Kelley.



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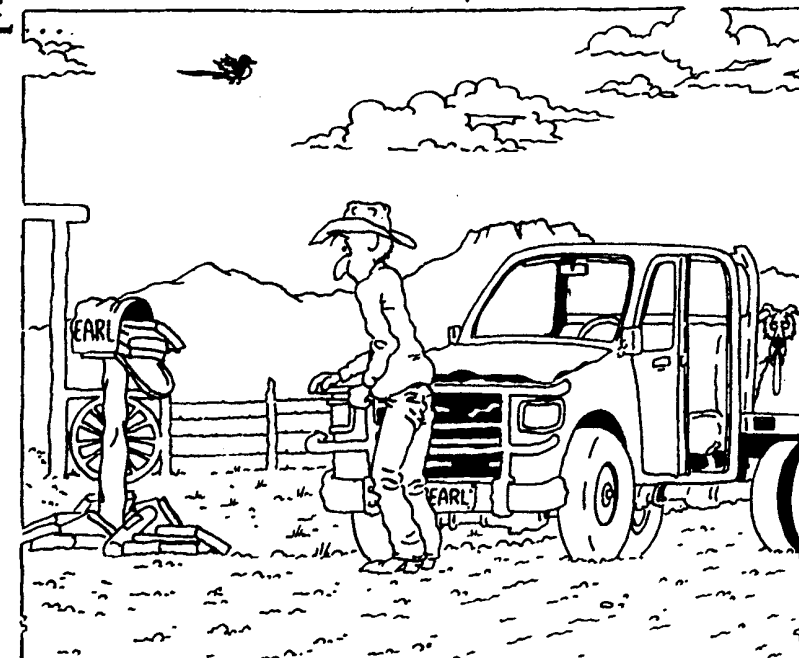

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### Thurs., Nov. 28

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